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SUBJECT: TRUCK SCALES AND CRANE FOR LOADING BARGES

REF: (1) BAMAKO 3203 (NOTAL)

1. RE: REQUEST FOR SCALES. METRIC SCLAES AVAILABLE, IN STOCK, IN BALTIMORE. SCALES AVAILABLE IN PAIRS, ONE PAIR
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PER AXLE TO BE WEIGHED, 10,000 KG. CAPACITY. INSTRUC-

TIONS FOR USE ARE IN ENGLISH, NOT AVAILABLE IN FRENCH, CONSIST OF ONE PRINTED PAGE. MORE LENGTHY SERVICE MANUAL AVAILABLE ONLY IN ENGLISH. SCALE WEIGHS 130 LBS. EACH, SOLD ONLY IN PARIS AT 740 DOLS. PER PAIR. SHIPPING WEIGHT PACKED FOR AIR SHIPMENT FOR ONE SET, TWO SCALES IN 260 LBS. INSTALLATION NOT NECESSARY SINCE SCALES ARE PORTABLE. NEED TO KNOW MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AXLES ON TRUCKS TO BE WEIGHED.

2. RE: REQUEST FOR CRANES. CRANES OF TYPE DESCRIBED REFTEL NOT AVAILABLE USA. BUCYRUS-ERIE MAKES 3 TON MODEL SUITABLE FOR INSTALLATION ON BUYER'S TRUCK, TRACTOR, BARGE, ETC. OR FOR STATIONARY INSTALLATION, WITH TELESCOPIC 15 FT. BOOM EXTENDING TO 35 FEET. HYSTER MAKES 3 TON CAPACITY CRANE WITH 9 FT. BOOM EXTENDABLE TO 13-1/2 FEET ON SELF-PROPELLED CHASSIS. NEITHER NYSTER NOR BUCYRUS-ERIE RECOMMEND THEIR PRODUCT FOR DOCK USAGE.

3. EARLIEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY TIME ABOVE CRANES ESTIMATED THREE MONTHS PLUS IN MALI, APPEARS PRECLUDE USE IN 1973.

4. MALIAN ARMY AT ONE TIME WAS GIVEN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT BY USG. IF THIS MATERIAL INCLUDES SUITABLE CRANES AID/W WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ON (1) PRESENT CONDITION, AND (2) INFO ON ABILITY TO REPAIR IN MALI. IF CRANE COULD BE REPAIRED LOCALLY, OR BY RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN REGION, AID/W WOULD CONSIDER FUNDING COSTS OF REPAIR. IF CRANE NOT REPAIRABLE, WOULD ANY PIECE OF SUITABLE EQUIPMENT BE AVAILABLE ON RENTAL BASIS IN BAMAKO OR REGION, THAT EMBASSY BAMAKO/REDSO-WA IS AWARE OF?

5. FOR DOERR/ABIDJAN: IS MOVEABLE 2-3 TON CRANE AVAILABLE IN REGION FOR EITHER LEASE OR SALE? IF SO, NEED COST, MANUFACTURER'S NAME, ETC., AND SOURCE DATA. REFTEL SPECIFIED TWO CRANES OF THIS TYPE, ONE FOR USE IN DIRE-TIMBUKTU AND ANOTHER IN GAO. IF AVAILABLE ON LEASE BASIS WOULD NEED TO KNOW COST, DATE OF AVAILABILITY, HOW LONG TO POSITION, TEC., WITH LEASE TO TERMINATE ABOUT THE END OF JANUARY. KISSINGER
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